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3. Colorado State Conference of Charities and Corrections.....	5th	Jan. 1898.....
4. Delaware State Conference of Charities and Institutions.....	6th	April, 1898.....
5. Illinois State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	3rd	Nov., 1898.....
6. Indiana State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	7th	Nov., 1898.....
7. Iowa State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	1st	Mar. 17-19, 1898
8. Maryland Conference of Charities and Correction.....	2nd	Nov., 1898.....
9. Michigan Conference of County Agents and Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities.....	17th	Dec. 7-8, 1898.....
10. Michigan Superintendents of the Poor and Union Association.....	25th	Sept., 1898.....
11. Minnesota State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	6th	Nov., 1898.....
12. Missouri State Convention of Charities and Correction.....	2nd ^a
13. Nebraska State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	2nd	Sept., 1898.....
14. New York Convention of County Superintendents of the Poor.....	28th	June, 1898.....
15. Ohio State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	8th	Oct., 1898.....
16. Pennsylvania Association of Directors of the Poor and Charities.....	24th	Oct., 1898.....
17. Southern Conference of Charities and Correction.....	1st ^b
18. Wisconsin State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	10th1898 a

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5. Association of Medical Officers of American Institutions for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded.....	22nd	May, 1898.....
6. Association of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses.....	5th	Feb., 1899.....
7. Boys and Girls National Home and Employment Association.....	8th	Dec. 14-15, 1897.....
8. Civic Philanthropic Conference.....	2nd1898 a
9. Illinois Association of Supervisors, Co. Com'rs and Co. Clerks.....		Feb., 1898.....
10. Indiana Association of Township Trustees.....		Dec. 28-29, 1898.....
11. Mohawk Indian Conference.....	16th	Oct., 12, 1898.....
12. National Conference of Day Nurseries.....	3rd	March, 1898.....
13. National Prison Association.....	23rd	Oct., 1898.....
14. Prison Chaplains' Association.....		Oct., 1898.....
15. Prison Wardens' Association.....		Oct., 1898.....

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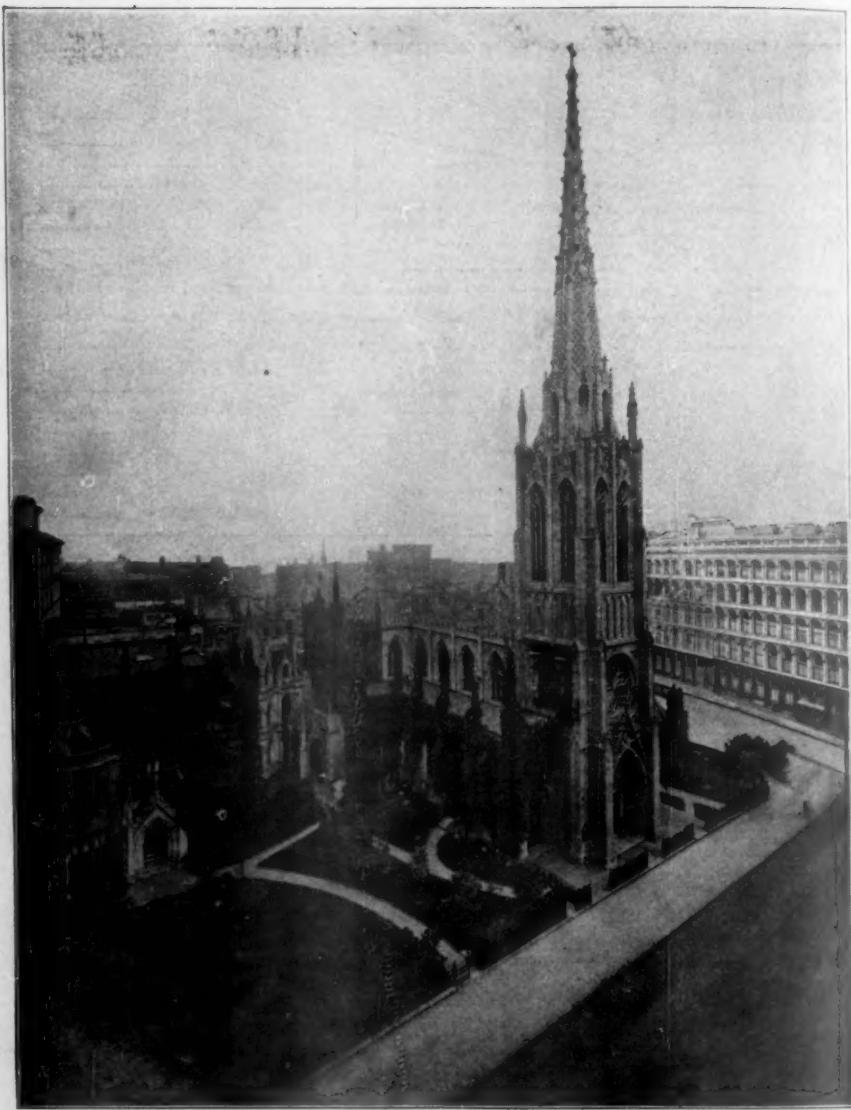


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The BULLETIN for May will contain full particulars, in detail, respecting the Quarter Centennial meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, including railroad rates, hotel rates, program, etc. It will be issued about April 20th or 25th and will be sent to all persons who receive this number.

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This number of the NATIONAL BULLETIN OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION is sent to many who are not members.

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The National Conference of Charities and Correction was organized in 1874, and has met annually since that time. It is composed not only of representatives of charitable and correctional institutions and societies, but also of other men and women who are interested in the broad field

of charity in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and has at the present time nearly 1,200 members.

The meetings of the Conference are very enjoyable. They bring together a large body of people who are earnestly interested in good works, and who constitute a pleasant and congenial fellowship. The Conference continues for a week. General meetings are held daily, and section meetings are also held for the discussion of special subjects, such as Charity Organization, Dependent Children, Insanity, Juvenile Reformation, Prison Reform, Hospitals, Municipal and County Charities, and College Settlements.

The Conference has no tests of membership. It offers a free forum to all who are interested in these branches of Sociology. It formulates no platform, and usually adopts only resolutions of thanks. It publishes its discussions in the annual volume of Proceedings, each writer being responsible for his own opinions, and the volume of Proceedings comprises the latest and freshest thoughts upon the subjects under consideration.

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New members are welcomed at any time. Each member joining during 1898 will receive the Proceedings of the New York Conference and the National Bulletin for one year. Attendance on the meetings is not a condition of membership; but members attending obtain reduced fares, reduced hotel rates, and other advantages.

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The membership fees of \$2.50 for 1898 is now payable. It will be a convenience if remittances are made promptly as the expenses of the Conference of 1898 have already commenced. A blank for remittance will be found enclosed. Members of the Conference will be continued on the roll and the BULLETIN will be sent to them, unless instructions are received to the contrary. Members finding it necessary, for any reason, to cancel their membership, will please notify the general secretary.

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We have numerous applications for the volumes of Proceedings from 1875 to 1880 inclusive, which are now, unfortunately, out of print. We shall take pleasure in exchanging volume for volume the Proceedings of later years for the volumes mentioned, and will pay the cost of postage in making the exchange. Those having these earlier volumes to spare will confer a great favor by attending to this request.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TORONTO CONFERENCE.

The publication of the Proceedings of the Toronto Conference has been unavoidably delayed; partly on account of the size of the book and the number of writers to whom proof had to be sent, and partly on account of the necessary absence of the editor on attendance on the National Prison Congress at Austin, Texas, and in visiting the prisons of Monterey and the city of Mexico. It is expected that the book will be issued not later than March 1st, and copies will be furnished at once to all the members of the Conference.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE OF 1897.

The membership of the National Conference of Charities and Correction for 1897 is 1,177, as compared with 1,199 in 1896, 992 in 1895, 350 in 1894, and 330 in 1893.

Every state in the Union is represented except Florida, Nevada, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming. The representation by states is as follows: Alabama, 5; Alaska, 1; Arizona, none; Arkansas, 1; California, 15; Colorado, 16; Connecticut, 52; Delaware, 3; District of Columbia, 17; Florida, none; Georgia, 3; Idaho, 1; Illinois, 69; Indiana, 39; Indian Territory, none; Iowa, 19; Kansas, 7; Kentucky, 12; Louisiana, 31; Maine, 4; Maryland, 27; Massachusetts, 155; Michigan, 75; Minnesota, 89; Mississippi, 4; Missouri, 20; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 11; Nevada, none; New Hampshire, 7; New Jersey, 41; New Mexico, none; New York, 169; North Carolina, 1; North Dakota, 2; Ohio, 59; Oklahoma, none; Oregon, 3; Pennsylvania, 52; Rhode Island, 22; South Carolina, 2; South Dakota, 4; Tennessee, 10; Texas, 2; Utah, none; Vermont, 7; Virginia, 6; Washington, 1; West Virginia, none; Wisconsin, 48; Wyoming, none; Ontario, 58; Manitoba and W. Canada, 1; Foreign, 5.

The states having ten or more members each are: (1) New York, 169; (2) Massachusetts, 155; (3) Minnesota, 89; (4) Michigan, 75; (5) Illinois, 69; (6) Ohio, 59; (7) Ontario, 58; (8) Connecticut, 52; (9) Penn-

sylvania, 52; (10) Wisconsin, 48; (11) New Jersey, 41; (12) Indiana, 39; (13) Louisiana, 31; (14) Maryland, 27; (15) Rhode Island, 22; (16) Missouri, 20; (17) Iowa, 19; (18) District of Columbia, 17; (19) Colorado, 16; (20) California, 15; (21) Kentucky, 12; (22) Nebraska, 11; (23) Tennessee, 10.

Reducing this membership to ratios, showing the number of members of the Conference out of each million of inhabitants, the order is changed, as follows: (1) District of Columbia, 73.9; (2) Connecticut, 69.7; (3) Minnesota, 68.3; (4) Rhode Island, 63.7; (5) Massachusetts, 62.1; (6) Colorado, 38.2; (7) Michigan, 35.8; (8) Wisconsin, 28.5; (9) Louisiana, 27.7; (10) Ontario, 27.3; (11) Maryland, 25.9; (12) New York, 25.9; (13) New Jersey, 24.5; (14) Illinois, 18.0; (15) Indiana, 17.8; (16) Ohio, 16.1; (17) California, 12.3; (18) Nebraska, 10.4; (19) Pennsylvania, 9.9; (20) Iowa, 9.2; (21) Missouri, 7.5; (22) Kentucky, 6.5; (23) Tennessee, 5.7.

The number of members from each of the cities having 5 or more members each, is as follows: (1) New York, 98; (2) Boston, 61; (3) Chicago, 40; (4) Toronto, 40; (5) New Orleans, 29; (6) Baltimore, 25; (7) St. Paul, 22; (8) Minneapolis, 21; (9) Philadelphia, 21; (10) Washington, 17; (11) Detroit, 17; (12) Cincinnati, 17; (13) New Haven, 16; (14) Grand Rapids, 16; (15) Indianapolis, 15; (16) Buffalo, 14; (17) Providence, 12; (18) Milwaukee, 12; (19) Hartford, 11; (20) St. Louis, 10; (21) Denver, 9; (22) Cambridge, Mass. 9; (23) Newark, 9; (24) Cleveland, 9; (25) Pittsburg, 9; (26) Albany, 8; (27) Brookline, Mass., 7; (28) Springfield, Mass., 7; (29) Lansing, Mich., 7; (30) Red Wing, Minn., 7; (31) Brooklyn, 7; (32) Rochester, N. Y., 7; (33) Madison, Wis., 7; (34) Springfield, Ill., 6; (35) Faribault, Minn., 6; (36) Kansas City, 6; (37) Scranton, Pa., 6; (38) Nashville, 6; (39) San Francisco, 5; (40) Terre Haute, Ind., 5; (41) Louisville, 5; (42) Fall River, Mass., 5; (43) Lowell, Mass., 5; (44) Malden, Mass., 5; (45) Somerville, Mass., 5; (46) Duluth, Minn., 5; (47) Stillwater, Minn., 5; (48) Omaha, 5; (49) Syracuse, N. Y., 5; (50) Columbus, 5; (51) Dayton, O., 5; (52) Memphis, Tenn., 5.

These 52 cities furnish 716 of the 1,177 members of the Conference, or 60.8 per cent. In 1896, only 40 cities had as many as five members each.

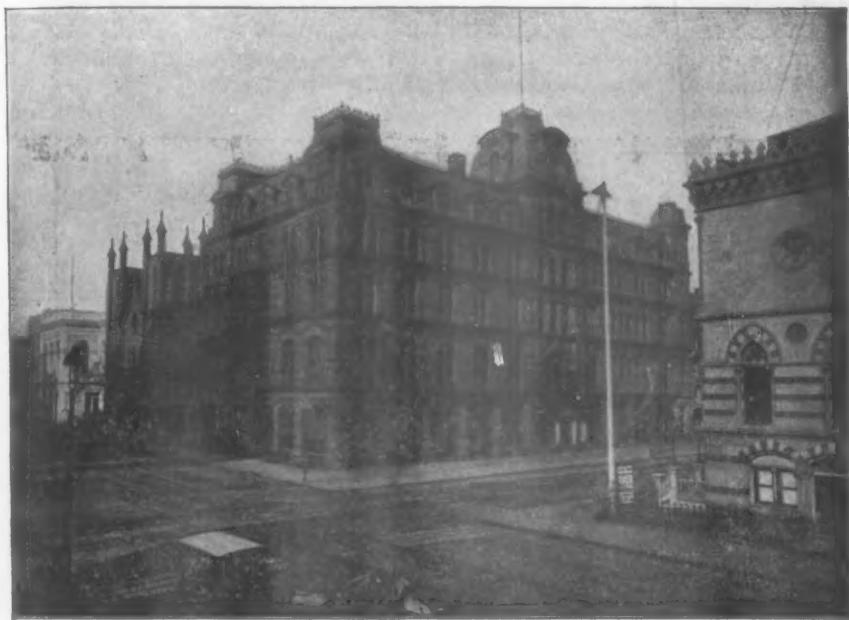
THE TWENTY-FIFTH CONFERENCE.

The Twenty-fifth Conference of Charities and Correction will be held in the City of New York, commencing on Wednesday, May 18, 1898, and continuing until Wednesday, May 25. The president of the Conference is the Hon. Wm. R. Stewart who is also president of the New York State Board of Charities. A list of the officers and committees will be found on pages i. to iii.

The first meeting of the Conference was held in New York twenty-five years ago; and the Conference, greatly increased in membership and

influence, now returns to celebrate its quarter centennial. Sessions will be held twice daily in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, 23d Street and Fourth Avenue. On Sunday, May 22d, no meeting will be held except in the evening when the annual Conference sermon will be preached at Grace Church, by the Rev. Wm. R. Huntington D. D.

New York is a great laboratory of charitable work. Its hundreds of institutions and societies illustrate every phase of charitable, philanthropic and reformatory effort. In order to afford opportunity for the study of those institutions in which members of the Conference are especially interested, the afternoons will be left entirely free; the sessions of the Con-



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ference will be held in the forenoons and at night, and every possible facility will be afforded for such study.

WHO ARE INVITED?

To this Conference are invited all who have an active interest in practical philanthropic work. Papers on selected topics will be presented by their authors, and will be followed by friendly discussion open to all who are present.

It is requested that delegates be appointed by governors of states,

mayors and county authorities; also by all institutions and societies engaged in charitable, philanthropic, reformatory or correctional work. Please send the names of such delegates to the General Secretary, Mr. H. H. Hart, St. Paul.

PLACES OF MEETING.

The opening meeting on Wednesday evening, May 18, will be held in Carnegie Hall, which seats 4,000 people. The Conference sermon, on Sunday evening, May 22, will be preached in Grace Church. All other general sessions of the Conference, both mornings and evenings, will be held in the commodious hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, 23d Street and Fourth Avenue.

Most of the section meetings will be held in convenient rooms in the Young Men's Christian Association building. The meetings of the sections on Organization of Charity will be held in the beautiful hall in the United Charities Building, 105 E. 22nd St.



INTERIOR OF GRACE CHURCH.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

The General Headquarters of the Conference with the offices of the General Secretary and the Secretary of the Local Committee will be at the Young Men's Christian Association Building, 23d Street and Fourth Avenue.

The headquarters of the section on Organization of Charities will be at the rooms of the Charity Organization Society in the United Charities Building, 105 E. 22d Street, within a block of the Young Men's Christian Association Building.

The hotel headquarters will be at the Park Avenue Hotel. Hotel rates will be announced in the May BULLETIN to be published in April.



THE UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING, ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET. HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECTION ON ORGANIZING CHARITY.

THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

The citizens of New York who invited the Conference to celebrate its quarter centennial in their city have determined to do their share to make the meeting worthy of the occasion, and worthy of the City of Greater New York.

A local committee of one hundred citizens of the enlarged City of New York distinguished for their philanthropic activity has been appointed by Hon. William Rhinelander Stewart, President of the Conference. This committee organized in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on February 10th, by electing Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Chairman, Judge Joseph F. Daly, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, Treasurer. The meeting was large and enthusiastic and received very favorable press notices. Mr. Walter S. Ufford has been engaged as secretary to the committee. Mr. Ufford will give his time to the work, as far as

necessary, from now until the close of the conference. The names of the members of the committee of One Hundred are here printed in full:

Stephen Baker.	Darius Ogden Mills.
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David A. Boddy.	J. Pierpont Morgan.
Edward C Bridgman.	Levi P. Morton.
Frederic Bronson.	Thomas M. Mulry.
Joseph H. Choate.	John Notman.
John Claflin.	Alexander E. Orr.
Edward Cooper.	William Church Osborn.
Alonzo B. Cornell.	John E. Parsons.
Robert C. Cornell.	George Foster Peabody.
Archbishop Corrigan.	Charles E. Pellew.
John D. Crimmins.	Bishop Potter.
R. Fulton Cutting.	Whitelaw Reid.
Joseph F. Daly.	Frederick W. Rhinelander.
Robert W. de Forest.	John Harsen Rhoades.
Carll H. DeSilver.	Henry Rice.
William E. Dodge.	George L. Rives.
James E. Dougherty.	J. Hampden Robb.
Charles S. Fairchild.	George B. Robinson.
John P. Faure.	John D. Rockefeller.
William Hildreth Field.	James A. Roosevelt.
Jeremiah Fitzpatrick.	Archibald D. Russell.
Roswell P. Flower.	Charles Howland Russell.
James R. Floyd.	B. Aymar Sands.
Elbridge T. Gerry.	William C. Schermerhorn.
Theodore Kane Gibbs.	William Jay Schieffelin.
Franklin H. Giddings.	Charles A. Schieren.
Richard Watson Gilder.	Jacob H. Schiff.
John Greenough.	Carl Schurz.
William G. Hamilton.	Gustav H. Schwab.
Henry Hentz.	Isaac N. Seligman.
Abram S. Hewitt.	W. Watts Sherman.
Robert J. Hoguet.	William D. Sloane.
Henry E. Howland.	Stephen Smith.
Myer S. Isaacs.	James Speyer.
Darwin R. James.	Lispenard Stewart.
D. Willis James.	Isidor Straus.
Morris K. Jesup.	William L. Strong.
Augustus D. Juilliard.	Myles Tierney.
John W. Keller.	J. Kennedy Todd.
Hugh Kelly.	Isaac Wallach.
John S. Kennedy.	William T. Wardwell.
Edward H. Kidder.	H. Walter Webb.

Loomis L. Langdon.
Woodbury G. Langdon.
Charlton T. Lewis.
Edward H. Litchfield.
Seth Low.
Alfred E. Marling.
George Macculloch Miller.

Evert Jansen Wendell.
Everett P. Wheeler.
George G. Wheelock.
Alfred T. White.
Horace White.
Mormay Williams.
Andrew C. Zabriskie.

THE PROGRAM.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee January 28, 1898, it was voted that the papers to be read in the general sessions be limited to not exceeding 2400 words.

It was recommended that where practicable reports of committees be not read, but that they be put into type in advance of the meeting at the expense of the Conference and distributed at the meeting. In order that there may be time to have the reports printed the chairmen of the committees are requested to send their reports to the General Secretary not later than April 15.

Three forenoons are to be devoted mainly to section meetings. The programs of the section meetings have not yet been fully completed.

The program as outlined below is subject to changes by the joint action of the president of the Conference and the chairmen of the committees.

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM.

Wednesday, May 18, 1898. 8 p. m.

I. Public and official opening of the Conference in Carnegie Hall, 58th Street and 7th Avenue.

The Conference will be called to order by Hon. William R. Stewart, its President, who will introduce as Chairman of the meeting, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Chairman of the Local Committee of One Hundred appointed by the President from citizens of Greater New York or others actively interested in philanthropic work there, who in behalf of the Committee will welcome the delegates and visitors to the Conference.

Addresses are expected from the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Governor of New York, the Mayor of New York, Archbishop Corrigan and Bishop Potter.

Thursday, May 19, 1898. 10 a. m.

First business meeting in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Corner of 23rd Street and 4th Avenue, in which all the business meetings of the Conference will be held; to be followed by the President's address.

II. General meeting of the Committee on the Abuse of Medical Charities. Stephen Smith, M. D., Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.
2. "History of Medical Charities, Their Uses and Abuses, and Remedies for the Latter." Dr. Stephen Smith, New York.

(The balance of the program will be published later.)

- III. General meeting of the Committee on "Immigration and Interstate Migration." Hon. Richard Guenther, Chairman.

1. Report of the Committee.
2. "The Relation of Immigration to Insanity in Europe and America." Mr. F. B. Sanborn, Concord, Mass.
3. "The Workings of the New Minnesota Law with Reference to Alien and Non-Resident Dependents." Mr. W. A. Gates, Agent of the Minnesota State Board of Corrections and Charities, St. Paul.

Thursday, May 19, 1898. 8 a. m.

- IV. General meeting of the Committee on Municipal and County Charities. Mr. Homer Folks, Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.
2. Discussion will be opened by Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

(The balance of the program will be published later.)

Friday, May 20, 1898. 10 a. m.

Short business meeting of Conference to be followed on adjournment by Sectional meetings. (Programs of Sectional Meetings to be arranged by the President and the General Secretary.)

Friday, May 20, 1898. 8 a. m.

- V. General meeting of the Committee on "Politics in Penal and Charitable Institutions." Prof. Charles R. Henderson, Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.
2. Discussion to be opened by Professor Frank Fetter, Bloomington, Ind., Mr. James Massie, Toronto, and Mr. J. G. Thorp, Cambridge, Mass.
3. Address, Hon. Carl Schurz, New York.

Saturday, May 21, 1898. 10 a. m.

Short business meeting of the Conference to be followed by Sectional Meetings. (Programs of Sectional Meetings to be arranged by the President and the General Secretary.)

Saturday, May 21, 1898. 8 p. m.

- VI. General meeting of the Committee on "Insanity." W. G. Stearns, M. D., Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.

(Balance of the program will be published later.)

Sunday, May 22, 1898. 8 p. m.

Conference service in Grace Church, Broadway and 10th Street. Sermon by Rev. William R. Huntington, D. D., Rector.

Monday, May 23, 1898. 10 a. m.

Short business meeting of the Conference to be followed by Sectional Meetings. (Program of Sectional Meetings to be arranged by the President and the General Secretary.)

Monday, May 23, 1898, 8 p. m.

VII. General meeting of the Committee on the "Duty of the State to Dependent Children." Mrs. E. E. Williamson, Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.

2. "Interference of a Municipality in Behalf of its Wards." Ernest Bicknell, Chicago. Discussion led by Mr. Thomas M. Mulry, New York.

3. "Early Recognition of the Deforming Diseases of Childhood." Dr. Newton M. Shaffer, New York. Discussion led by Mrs. H. M. Laughlin, Boston.

Tuesday, May 24, 1898. 10 a. m.

VIII. General meeting of the Committee on "Duty of the State to Delinquent Children." Supt. Peter Caldwell, Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.

2. "The Proper Care and Training of Juvenile Delinquents, Their Classification, Education, Moral and Industrial Training." Mr. James Allison, Cincinnati.

3. "Home Training and Why We Need Reform Schools." Mr. C. W. Ainsworth, South Dakota.

Tuesday, May 24, 1898. 8 p. m.

IX. General meeting of the Committee on the Organization of Charity. John M. Glenn, Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.

2. "Limitations of Charity Organization Societies," by Professor John Graham Brooks of Cambridge, Mass.

3. "Relation of Churches and Charity Organization Societies." Speaker not yet decided upon.

4. Discussion.

Wednesday, May 25, 1898. 10 a. m.

General meeting of the Committee on the "Prevention of Feeble-Mindedness, from a legal and Moral Standpoint." James C. Carson, M. D., Chairman.

1. Report of Committee.

2. "The Prevention of Feeble-Mindedness from a Legal and Moral Standpoint." Dr. George H. Knight, Lakeville, Conn.

(The balance of the program will be published later.)

XI. General meeting of the Committee on the "Laws of Settlement and the Right to Public Relief." Fred H. Wines, LL. D., Chairman.

1. Report of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Executive Committee of the National Conference of Charities and Correction met at the call of the president at the United Charities Building, in the City of New York, Jan. 28, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

There were present, President Wm. R. Stewart, in the chair, Mrs. C. R. Lowell, Hon. Philip C. Garrett, Dr. Chas. S. Hoyt, Mr. Jeffrey R. Brackett, Dr. Geo. H. Knight, and Mr. H. H. Hart.

It was voted that papers to be read in the General Sessions be limited to not exceeding 2400 words.

It was voted that the President be authorized to correspond with the chairmen of the several committees and have power to make final decision with reference to the several programs after such correspondence, and that he be authorized to call their attention to the rule limiting them to one hour for reports and papers.

On motion of Mrs. Lowell it was voted that the chairmen of committees be requested to forward their reports not later than April 15th and that the reports be printed in advance at the expense of the Conference.

It was voted to authorize the general secretary to correspond with mayors and representatives of local institutions asking them to appoint delegates.

An invitation was presented from the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition to hold a special meeting in Omaha in the early part of September 1898.

The general secretary was instructed to reply to the letter, saying that the invitation had been favorably considered by the Committee; but that the Committee was not authorized to accept such an invitation. The Committee however will take pleasure in presenting the invitation to the Conference in May.

On motion of Dr. Knight it was voted that, in view of the printing of the committees' reports at the expense of the Conference, the reading of the reports at the general meetings be left to the discretion of the president, after consultation with the respective chairmen.

Resolutions were adopted, requesting the attendance at the opening meeting, of the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Governor of New York, the Mayor of the City of New York, Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan, D. D., Rt. Rev. Henry Potter, D. D. Adjourned.

LOCAL CONFERENCES.

THE COLORADO STATE CONFERENCE.

The fourth State Conference of Charities and Corrections met at Colorado Springs January 9-11, 1898. About seventy-five delegates were present. The interest in the Conference was remarkable. Mrs. S. S. Platt, president of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, was also president of the Conference. She is a woman of great ability and presided admirably.

At the opening meeting Sunday evening a great audience was present. Governor Alva Adams delivered an able address showing a strong grasp of the principles which should govern the administration of state institutions. He said: "To point the way in which state and individual will suffer least loss in their work of philanthropy and justice is the purpose of the charities and corrections organization. Man makes no greater blunders than in some of his well intended efforts to do good. Half the benevolence of the world is wasted for want of scientific knowledge upon questions this Conference will consider." * * * "We are not detectives or officers, we seek not the criminal, not the individual culprit, but the source of crime and misfortune, that it may be sealed up." * * * "A new state is under bonds, under obligations, to civilization to be better, more perfect, than the older states. Not to improve on all that has gone on before is an impeachment of the demands of progress and a reflection upon the delinquent commonwealth."

The meetings, except the opening meeting, were held in the Coburn Library building of Colorado College. On Monday morning Mrs. Izetta George, secretary of the Denver Charity Organization Society, read a paper on "Charity Organization and Association," and Rev. S. P. Wilder, of Colorado, opened the discussion.

Mrs. Fred. Butler of Denver made a remarkable address on "Pingree Farm Work as an Aid to Charities"; she made it evident that in Denver the Pingree work had been carried on almost ideally, with the result of bringing rich and poor into sympathy and co-operation to an extraordinary degree.

Rev. T. H. Malone of Denver, a member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, made a vigorous address on "State, County and Municipal Care of the Poor.

The Conference visited the Colorado School for Mute and Blind, where luncheon was served and the work of the pupils was exhibited.

On Monday afternoon prison work was discussed. Hon. J. Warner Mills of Denver made an address on "Prison Labor and Industrial Training for Convicts. Warden C. P. Hoyt of the State Reformatory opened the discussion, taking courageous ground in favor of productive industrial employment for convicts. Mrs. H. C. Olney read a paper on "Pris-

oners' Aid Society," on which the discussion was opened by Warden W. H. Conley of the Arapahoe County Jail.

On Monday evening "Child Saving" was discussed. President Wm. F. Slocum, LL. D., of Colorado College, made a notable address on "Child Saving and Reformatory Industrial Schools" which paved the way for an interesting discussion opened by Supt. North of the Denver Public Schools and participated in by representatives of child saving institutions and societies. Miss Isabel Hill of Denver read a paper on "Kitchen Gardening," and Mrs. Chas. E. Dickinson of Denver delivered a sparkling address on "Educational Measures for the Prevention of Crime." Hon. J. M. Ellis, judge of the Municipal Court in the city of Denver, read a paper on "Vagrancy" in which he said: "My opinion is that the tramp is the result in part of our present system of finance. As has been well said by a distinguished Colorado writer: "Low wages and the gold standard go hand in hand. They cannot be separated. * * * "The reason for it is plain. An appreciated standard of value depreciates the value of all industrial products, and labor is an important factor in the costs of all production."

On Tuesday morning Chancellor Wm. F. McDowell of the State University presided. Dr. J. T. Eskridge, president of the Board of Trustees of the Colorado State Insane Asylum, made an address on "The Care of the Insane and Feeble Minded," which was followed by an animated discussion. Among the speakers was Miss Agnes Hoyt, daughter of Dr. Chas. S. Hoyt of Canandaigua, N. Y., who made an excellent address.

The Conference adjourned to attend the dedication of the new Ticknor Hall for young women at Colorado College. This is a charming building with accommodations for 50 young women. Though the expense of living in the building will be reduced to a minimum and the table will be plain, the building has been artistically furnished by friends of the institution with a view to cultivating high ideals in home making.

Tuesday afternoon Hon. J. W. Lowell, Auditor of State, made an address on "What Financial Support Can the State Give"; Mr. Henry Van Kleeck of Denver made an address on "Civil Service in State Institutions" which was followed by an interesting discussion; Mr. Francis B. Hill of Colorado Springs spoke on "Humane Society Work" and Mrs. J. S. Sperry, the veteran charity worker of Pueblo, participated in the discussion.

On Tuesday evening the closing meeting was held. Mr. H. H. Hart, General Secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, spoke on "Jail Management." In the course of his address he called attention to the dangerous condition of some of the Colorado lockups, whose construction exposed their inmates to the liability of cremation. A vivid justification of this criticism occurred four weeks

later within twenty miles of Colorado Springs, when four prisoners were roasted in the lockup at Victor, Colorado.

The closing address of the Conference was made by the president Mrs. Sarah S. Platt, who summed up the work of the Conference.

This Conference was one of unusual interest and developed the intelligent interest which is taken by the Colorado people in their public institutions. A strong public sentiment favors the wise development of the institutions and their complete separation from partisan influences.

THE DELAWARE STATE CONFERENCE.

For several years an annual Conference of Charities and Corrections has been held in the city of Wilmington. While this Conference has not been called a State Conference, it has been such in effect and will hereafter be classed as a State Conference of Charities and Correction. The next meeting will probably be held in April, 1898. The program has not yet come to hand.

The fifth annual Conference of Charities and Institutions was opened Thursday evening, May 6, 1897, and continued the following afternoon and evening in the New-Century Club parlors at Wilmington. After prayer by Dr. McCurdy and the address of welcome by President J. F. Ball, which was an earnest plea for increased co-operation in order to achieve more effective results, he presented Miss Katharine B. Davis, from the college settlement in Philadelphia, who spoke earnestly in behalf of "Children's Play Grounds and other Summer Work." She maintained that through the various features of summer work which had been introduced of late years, the greatest benefits had been derived. The friendly visitor or teacher has opportunity to come in closer relations with the mothers and little ones, and friendships are formed which prove of mutual and enduring good. Several instances were cited of college settlement experiences which were most encouraging.

Rev. W. I. Nichols, superintendent of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities spoke convincingly on the "Cultivation of Vacant City Lots." Mr. Nichols claimed that such occupation for the unemployed was of great value, both from a moral and economic standpoint. They had the opportunity of raising food necessary for their consumption and the wholesome lessons learned by the children from assisting in tilling the soil and weeding the gardens, had proved most important. Much poverty and suffering was thus relieved and many most desirous of being self-maintaining became so in this manner. The speaker related several personal experiences proving that the system of cultivating vacant city lots was a wise and useful step towards helping in the right and true way.

After the interesting discussion which followed, an informal tea was served by the "Visitors" of the Associated Charities in honor of the guests, when many friends pleasantly participated in this social feature of the evening.

On Friday afternoon reports from delegates of the following institutions and societies were presented: Home for Friendless Children, Home for Aged Women, Ferris Industrial School, Girls Industrial School, Delaware and Homeopathic Hospital, Home for Aged Couples, St. Joseph's Home, St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies, Door of Hope, Sarah Ann White Home for Aged Colored People, Female Benevolent Society, S. P. C. C. and S. P. C. A. Societies, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Delaware Union for Public Good, Needle Work Guild, Sunday Breakfast Ass'n, and the Associated Charities. Dr. Hancker, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane reported the new building was about complete by which a very satisfactory classification of patients could be made. Reports were read from New Castle and Sussex County almshouses, also New Castle jail. A report was read by Mrs. Wogan of the work as assistant "Police Matron" which filled all hearts with tender sympathy for the painful and faithful duties they are called on to perform. Rev. L. J. Welbers then spoke on "What is the Proper Care of Infants in Institutions," which elicited much helpful discussion.

The evening was devoted to the subject of "School Savings Banks," by Mrs. Oberholtzer of Philadelphia, who explained in an interesting way that valuable system of saving. "The Best Employment for Prisoners" was presented by Mr. Joseph James, superintendent of the Chester County prison, which was ably discussed by Hon. Chas. B. Lore and Rev. T. A. McCurdy. Plans for a new State Workhouse and Reformatory were exhibited and fully explained, and resolutions were passed by the meeting urging the Legislature to reconsider this urgent need for the State.

The exhibit of industrial features of the Ferris School for Boys, the Delaware School for Girls, the Sunday Breakfast Ass'n, the Benevolent and Provident Societies and the Associated Charities was highly commended, as all gave evidence of good management and training.

The Conference, as a whole, was conceded as one of exceeding interest and most successful; for the coming together of those devoted to humanitarian causes is inspiring to all.—*From the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Associated Charities of Wilmington.*

THE IOWA STATE CONFERENCE.

The first Iowa State Conference of Charities will be held in the city of Des Moines March 17-19, 1898.

The principal subject to be discussed will be the Organization of a State Board of Charities; whether such a board should be a state board

of trustees with administrative powers, like the state boards of Wisconsin and Kansas; or an advisory board without administrative powers, like most of the state boards of charities. This question is one of great importance in the state of Iowa at present and is being earnestly debated in the state legislature. Prominent charity workers from other states have been invited to assist in the Conference and it is anticipated that a permanent organization will be established.

The various phases of charitable work will be discussed; particularly Charity Organization in Cities and the Administration of Public Charities. A general invitation is extended to all who are interested in the work in the state of Iowa.

THE MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE.

The sixteenth annual convention of the board of corrections and charities and conference of county agents were held jointly in Kalamazoo, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 8 and 9. The meetings summoned, aside from the citizens of the place, the county agents, the superintendents of state asylums and schools, the wardens of the prisons and all members of the state, county and private, benevolent, charitable, penal and reformatory institutions and societies. They are designed as a school of instruction better qualifying those who have these important trusts, and a means of informing citizens as to the working of the institutions supported by them.

This is illustrated by the subjects presented at the late meeting: The rights of children, the pardoning power, the relation of public education to crime and immorality of youth, how a county agent can perform his duty for \$100, labor in prisons, the parole system and how it has worked.

These subjects were handled by experts, and each was fully discussed. The county agency system was reviewed partly by the reports of the agents.

On Thursday afternoon a very interesting exhibition of the work of the schools for the blind and the deaf was given by a number of pupils from each institution.

In connection with the meetings, the warden of Michigan state prison, the superintendent of the industrial home, a representative of the state school and the medical superintendent of the Michigan asylum gave accounts of their institutions.

The citizens of Kalamazoo showed their interest by their steady attendance at the court house. The music, vocal and instrumental, was furnished by the asylum bands and choirs. These annual gatherings, held in different sections of the state, cannot fail to educate and interest the people.—*The Church Helper of Western Michigan.*

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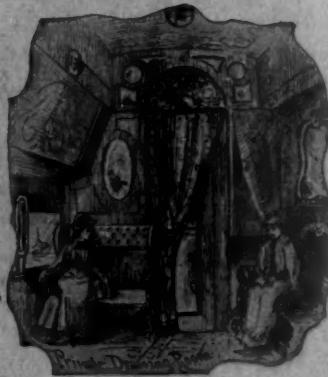
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